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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) 1-35 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21 and 22, drawn to methods for detecting an altered risk for developing Alzheimer's disease and methods for detecting SNP, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
 - II. Claims 7-9 and 13-20, drawn to isolated nucleic acids and kits comprising the same, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.
 - III. Claim 10, drawn to an isolated polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 300, for example.
 - IV. Claims 11-12, drawn to antibodies, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.
 - V. Claim 23, drawn to detection of variant polypeptides, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
 - VI. Claims 23 and 34, drawn to method for identifying an agent useful in treating Alzheimer's disease, classified in class 436, subclass 501.
 - VII. Claims 25-33 and 35, drawn to methods of treatment of neurodegenerative diseases disease, classified in class 424, for example.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product

as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. See MPEP § 806.05(h). In the instant case the products of group II can be used in a variety of methods, including nucleic acid purification and to express encoded polypeptides.

3. Inventions III and IV are unrelated to the methods of group I. Invention II is unrelated to the methods of groups V-VII. Invention III is unrelated to the methods of invention VI. Invention IV is unrelated to the methods of invention VI and VII. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different products of groups III and IV are not disclosed as capable of use with the methods of group I. Likewise, the different products of group II are not disclosed as being used with the methods of groups V-VII. Likewise, the different products of group III are not disclosed as being used with the methods of groups VII. The products of group IV are not disclosed as being used with the methods of groups VI and VII.

4. Inventions I, V, VI and VII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions are methods which have different effects (i.e. accomplish different goals), utilize different method steps and, therefore, which have different designs.

5. The inventions of Groups II, III, and IV are patentably distinct because they are drawn to different products having different structures and functions. The nucleic acid of Group II is composed of nucleotides linked in phosphodiester bonds and arranged in space as a double helix. The polypeptide of Group III is composed of amino acids linked in peptide bonds and arranged

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spatially in a number of different tertiary structures including alpha helices, beta-pleated sheets, and hydrophobic loops (transmembrane domain). The antibody of Group IV is also composed of amino acids linked in peptide bonds and arranged spatially in a very specific tertiary structure that allows that antibody to specifically bind to particular regions, i.e. epitopes, of the encoded polypeptide. Further, antibodies are glycosylated and their tertiary structure is unique, where four subunits (2 light chains and 2 heavy chains) associated via disulfide bonds into a Y-shaped symmetric dimer. Furthermore, the products of Groups II, III, and IV can be used in materially different processes, for example, the DNA of Group II can be used in hybridization assays, the antibody of Group IV can be used in immunoassay, and the polypeptide of Group III can be used to make fusion protein with an enzymatic function. Consequently, the reagents, reaction conditions, and reaction parameters required to make or use each invention are different. Therefore, the inventions of Groups II, III, and IV are patentably distinct from each other.

6. Invention III is related to inventions V and VI are related as product and process of use. Invention IV is likewise related to invention V as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. See MPEP § 806.05(h). In the instant case the polypeptides of invention III can be used in a variety of methods, including, for example, to raise antibodies. In the instant case the antibodies of invention IV can be used in other methods, such as in methods of treatment which administer antibodies and in peptide purification assays.

7. The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and the product claims are subsequently found

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allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder. All claims directed a nonelected process invention must require all the limitations of an allowable product claim for that process invention to be rejoined.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 and 112. Until all claims to the elected product are found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained.

Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowable product claim will not be rejoined. See MPEP § 821.04(b). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution to require the limitations of the product claims. **Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.** Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

Further Restriction Requirement

Groups I-VI detailed above reads on more than one patentably distinct group, wherein each of the distinct group is drawn to methods or products related to different polymorphic SEQ ID NO. For the elected group, applicants must further elect single polymorphism (identified by SEQ ID NO) for examination in the appropriate product or method claim. For example, if applicant elects group I, applicant should further elect one of SEQ ID NO for examination. Further, it is requested that applicant provide copies of all portions of the tables that contain data relevant to the elected SEQ ID NO, to assist the examiner in a speedy prosecution. Further, regarding group VI, if the SEQ ID NO: elected is not a GADPH candidate agent, claim 34 will be withdrawn. Likewise, if applicant desires to elect the GADPH candidate agent for prosecution in the method, and there is no corresponding SEQ ID NO, applicant may do so, and claim 24 will be withdrawn.

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Applicant is advised that examination will be restricted to only the elected polymorphism and should not to be construed as a species election. Prior to allowance, non-elected subject matter will be required to be deleted from any allowable claims.

8. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as demonstrated by their different classification and recognized divergent subject matter and because inventions I-VI require different searches that are not coextensive, examination of these claims would pose a serious burden on the examiner and therefore restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Further, because each SEQ ID NO represents a different single nucleotide polymorphism each with it's own potential diagnostic implications, for example, the search and examination of all of the over fifty-four thousand SEQ ID NO together poses an enormous burden on the examiner.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In

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either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

9. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Juliet C Switzer whose telephone number is (571) 272-0753. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, from 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla can be reached by calling (571) 272-0735.

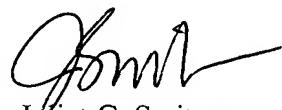
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